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Writing NSPS Self Assessments — The Civilian Personnel Flight (CPF) is sponsoring five 4-hour classes for NSPS employees and supervisors of NSPS employees. The course schedule is as follows: Aug. 18, 7:30-11:30 a.m., CPF Training Room (Bldg. 1105); Aug. 19, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., CPF Training Room (Bldg. 1105); and Aug. 20, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., CPF Training Room (Bldg. 1105). Class description/objectives, and online registration are available at the CPF Web site at <https://hickam.eim.pacaf.af.mil/1SAW/15MSG/15MSS/DPC/default.aspx>. Register early; seats are limited. If special arrangements are necessary to make this training accessible to disabled employees, please call 449-0141 in advance.

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Skate Park Advisory Council — The Skateboard Park is seeking individuals interested in being a member of the newly developed Skate Park Advisory Council. Please contact the Makai Recreation Center at 449-3354 if you are interested or for more information.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The 2009 fall kickoff tea party will be held 9 a.m., Aug. 26 at Chapel Center. Children's Ministry provided at 8:45 a.m. More information about this chapel-based ministry is at www.hickampwoc.com. Contact Connie Oh if you have questions at hickampwoc@yahoo.com.

Coaches needed — The Youth Sports Program is looking for coaches for the upcoming Volleyball and Flag Football Season. Practices will begin the

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U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Cohen A. Young

Senior Airman Joseph Sannicolas uses a pipe-cutter to remove an old pipe system outside the National Hospital in Dili, Timor Leste, July 16. Airman Sannicolas is a heavy equipment and airfields operator with the Guam Air National Guard's 254th RED-

HORSE Squadron at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The squadron was in Timor Leste as part of Pacific Angel 2009, a Pacific Air Forces humanitarian assistance operation led by 13th Air Force at Hickam Air Force Base.

Guardsmen leave their mark during 'Pacific Angel 2009'

by Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young
Defense Media Activity-Hawaii

DILI, Timor Leste — An 11-member team from the 254th REDHORSE Squadron at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, recently provided much-needed civil engineering assistance to an under-served area here as part of Operation Pacific Angel 2009.

The Guam Air National Guard team left a memento as part of their work, in the form of a unit coin embedded in a walkway they built at the National Hospital here. They also re-wired some of the electrical work in the hospital and a neighboring clinic, as well as installed new locks and benches at the clinic.

Pacific Angel is a Pacific Air

Forces humanitarian and civic assistance program conducted in the Asia-Pacific region and led by 13th Air Force at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. U.S. personnel provided medical, dental and engineering assistance programs July 16-20 to areas of Timor Leste in conjunction with local authorities.

"This experience has been very humbling, coming from a society where everything is pretty much handed to us," said Staff Sgt. Kesha Rosario, a knowledge operations management specialist with the 254th. "Coming to Timor Leste and seeing what they have here really opens your eyes to other countries and how much of a focus is needed on those places."

Sergeant Rosario said she had to leave the comfort zone of her

office and pitch in with the many physical tasks required during the operation.

"This is definitely different than the office job," Sergeant Rosario said. "Being in REDHORSE is definitely a field job. We learned about painting, how to pour concrete, how to make sure everything is straight, [and how to] install benches - stuff that we don't do in our day-to-day job. It was a good experience."

The REDHORSE team worked with the U.S. Navy's Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40 and the Royal New Zealand Army's 2nd Regiment to complete electrical work and the sidewalk at the hospital.

"It's been really interesting working with these guys [Americans]," said David Lamond,

an engineer with the 2nd Regiment and a native of Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand. "Coming from a whole lot of different backgrounds and coming together as a team has been good. Everyone came to work and get the job done."

REDHORSE is an acronym for Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operation Repair Squadron Engineers, and the 254th is in the process of converting to a full REDHORSE squadron.

At the conclusion of the joint and combined project, the Guardsmen, Seabees and Kiwis left their unit names in the concrete as it dried to illustrate they were there to help the community.

"We came out here to Timor Leste and devoted time for a good cause," said Sergeant Rosario.

ROKAF visits to strengthen friendship, learn from U.S. Air Force at Hickam

by Staff Sgt. Carolyn Viss
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE — Thirty-three members of the Republic of Korea Air Force visited Hickam Air Force Base July 28 to tour the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing, see how its aerial porters conduct day-to-day operations, and continue building the good relations the Republic of Korea Air Force has shared with the U.S. Air Force for decades.

They stopped in Hawaii en route back to Korea after winning the Best International Team award at the Air Mobility Rodeo 2009 at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., July 19-24.

"This is a good chance for us to see the standardization and benchmark processes of the AMOW at Hickam," said Col. Soo Cheol Park, Chief of Protocol Branch, Republic of Korea Air Force



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Carolyn Viss

Col. John Kafer, 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing vice commander, right, briefs Republic of Korea Air Force airmen on how its aerial porters conduct day-to-day operations and the impact of the 515th AMOW. Thirty-three members of the ROKAF visited Hickam Air Force Base July 28 to tour the wing.

Headquarters. "Because the C-130 and C-17 are U.S.-made aircraft, we are seeking to gain continuous knowledge and see new things as much as we can."

It was also important for the U.S. Air Force members

here to make sure the ROKAF members know they have mobility allies in the Pacific, said Maj. Christopher Buckley, 515th AMOW director of staff. Similarly, it's important for Air Mobility Command to

put a face to Korean airlift counterparts.

The ROKAF was able to gain a better sense of Hickam AFB's capabilities and systems, Major Buckley said.

"After the Rodeo in 2007,

their plane broke and the Hawaii Air National Guard and 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron were able to help with maintenance and parts," he said.

The 515th AMOW controls, loads, unloads, and repairs Pacific en route mobility aircraft, whether military, commercial or foreign, to keep the mission moving with precise, reliable velocity. As the most geographically separated wing in AMC with 2,000 geographically-separated personnel in six operating locations, the 515th AMOW provides global command and control support for AMC 24/7. The maintenance operations center here supports mobility maintenance and provides C-5 and C-17 qualification training at the Regional Training Center. With a takeoff or landing every 30 minutes and 53 operational landings or departures per day, the 515th AMOW flies three and a half times more mis-

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OPSEC and social networking: Can it be possible?

Commentary by Maj. Gen. Henry C. ‘Hank’ Morrow
1st Air Force commander

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS) — I can recall sitting in my office at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, when I first realized that e-mail was going to revolutionize our way of doing business. I remember thinking to myself, ‘Wow, I just got an e-mail from a two-star general congratulating me on my promotion to lieutenant colonel.’

In the olden days, I would have received a third-generation memo on Xeroxed letterhead with a few signatures or scribbled initials that came in a wrinkled ‘holey-joe’ through base distribution.

I also know we all chuckled when we first heard the term, “paperless Air Force.” Did anyone really believe we could be totally paperless?

And yet here we are, in a hyperinstantaneous state of information overload; all being done electronically without a single piece of paper exchanging hands. Chuckle if you will, but I believe that social networking sites are going to be the next Air Force revolution, and for that battle, we all need to be adequately armed.

I’ve had many discussions with various supporters as well as naysayers when it comes to sites like Twitter, Facebook, MySpace and YouTube. Advocates for the sites feel they provide a forum where ideas, opinions and imagery can be freely shared with a worldwide audience. Antagonists feel that posting too much information can compromise operational security, or worse cost troops their lives, simply from a 140-character “tweet.”

So, is there a happy medium between the two? From a commander’s perspective, I

believe the answer is yes, provided users stick to three basic rules of engagement:

1. Common sense. Simple enough, right? Well, sometimes the simple things are what get people into significant trouble.

We entrust crew chiefs to maintain multimillion dollar aircraft. We issue security forces personnel weapons and ammunition to protect our installation. We empower medical technicians to draw our blood or administer vaccinations. These Airmen are extensively trained to perform these tasks. But with any job, a layer of common sense is key to being able to rapidly react to a situation that presents itself. Just because that same security forces Airman has been trained to use a weapon, doesn’t mean that’s all he needs. He must use his instincts in situations that involve human behavior — he must apply his common sense.

and what’s posted to your buddy’s site, and to the Air Force chief of staff’s site, and so on. They put all the bits of information together like a puzzle. It’s known as “data mining,” and our enemies are constantly monitoring what we post to the Web.

2. Judicial prudence. This is area that gets people into the most trouble when using social networking sites. As a servicemember, you don’t forfeit your First Amendment rights the day you join the military. We all take an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and that includes everyone’s right to free speech. But that right to speak freely must be balanced against the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Just as the old saying goes about “You can’t yell ‘FIRE!’ in a crowded theater” under the auspices of free speech, you also can’t release sensitive, classified or inappropriate information as a member of the armed forces.

Many military members’ social media sites contain photos or video of themselves in uniform, which automatically leads a viewer to conclude you represent all men and women in uniform. Others blog from their deployed location about daily life and experiences in the war zone. This is all

acceptable, provided the information you post adheres to UCMJ and operations security rules.

Someone once gave me a simple acronym to remember on the type of information that can and cannot be released. The acronym is SAPP, and it stands for security, accuracy, policy and privacy. The SAPP principle is an easy one to remember when you’re about to blog about an upcoming deployment or a recent court-martial in your unit or the rumor you heard in the squadron break room. Is the information accurate? Can you back it up with facts? Are you compromising operational security by releasing this information? Are you violating someone’s privacy by blogging about him or her?

3. When in doubt, backspace it out. I have a personal rule that I make myself follow any time I’m about to craft an e-mail if I am angry about a situation. I step away from the computer or I put my BlackBerry in its holster. The worst thing you can do is send an e-mail when you are emotionally attached to a situation. We’ve all been there banging away at the keyboard, typing a tapestry of words meant to physically cut into the intended recipient for the wrong that person com-

mitted in your eyes. My advice to you: don’t hit send. Those words, in some way, shape or form will come back to haunt you.

This same advice holds true for when you are typing something on your social media site. Anything you post to the Internet — including photos — will be there forever. Do you really want to post a picture of yourself that could place you, your family, or your unit in harm’s way? It’s imperative that you think before you post, and if you are ever in doubt about what you are about let the world see or read about: delete it. Go with your instincts. Refer back to my rule No. 1: use your common sense.

The rules ultimately come down to this: choose your words wisely. Operational security should be practiced at the source. The same tactics that are exercised when disclosing information to the public should be applied to social media usage. By educating and training our younger generation servicemembers — the digital natives — on what information should be guarded and what can be released, I believe we can find that “happy medium” and capitalize on this burgeoning technology to its fullest extent.

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DIAMOND TIPS

Are we required to attend mandatory formations?

This may seem like a common sense question, but not everyone applies a common sense answer.

• Reporting to your duty section on time

• Scheduled medical appointments

• Military testing appointments

• Commander’s Calls

• Squadron PT

• PT Testing

These are all examples of mandatory formations, and we are required attend them regardless if we want to.

By not attending, we put our integrity in question, and risk administrative or disciplinary action.

You are in control of your career ... don’t jeopardize it by making the wrong choice, and choosing not to attend a mandatory formation!

Questions? Contact your First Sergeant!

Lackland landscape escape

U.S. Air Force Airmen, Marines, Soldiers and a Royal Air Force airman — some serving as survival and escape specialists — conduct competency airborne training from a C-130 Hercules aircraft over Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, July 23, 2009. The Airmen are assigned to the 342nd Training Squadron.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Desiree N. Palacios

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Kukini: Meaning swift and valued messenger, the Kukini in ancient times took news from one Hawaiian leader to another.

Recognize warning signs of suicide

Commentary by Tech. Sgt. Peter Long
386th Air Expeditionary Wing Equal Opportunity Office

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS) — Those of us who serve or work for the military receive training on suicide prevention, but how many of us really apply what we learn? Are we watching for warning signs? Do we know who is at risk and how we can help them? Do we know what we can do to help?

I don’t know about you, but I always thought this stuff happens to other people. I pay attention to my training and I know what to look for. I just always figured it would be someone else who would experience it. In July 2005, I became that “someone else.”

I lost someone to suicide that summer. He was only 21, on break from college and working in Hollywood for Warner Brothers. I thought he was on his way. I was proud of him and so

was everyone else. Less than 18 months before, he was the best man at my wedding.

Over the years we spent hours talking about everything, and I was always impressed with how intelligent he was. I believed he was happy in life and on his way to greatness. I thought he was happy.

However, the truth was far different. After I found out Will took his life, I was in denial. No way! Not Will! He had everything going for him, he was just getting started, he just turned 21. How could he do this? These are just some of the questions I had. As time passed I started wondering if I missed something. I started wondering if I really knew Will as well as I thought I did.

Did I miss something?

About a month before he took his life he called me and asked if I wanted his stereo and fridge. He said he didn’t need it where he was going. I drove down to Los Angeles and picked them up telling him if he

moved again and wanted them back to let me know. Again he told me he wouldn’t need them where he was going. I talked with him several times before his death and he sounded down and a bit “off.” He sounded depressed, but I wasn’t concerned. He had his whole life in front of him, and everyone has their ups and downs. I thought he was just experiencing some of life’s little challenges.

He called for help, and I did not recognize warning signs.

On July 28, I received a phone call at work telling me Will was dead; an unfinished life because no one recognized the warning signs. No one was there to answer his cry for help.

In retrospect it is clear he showed some warning signs, and my training taught me to recognize them, but because I did not pay attention to what he was saying and doing, I missed them. Now it’s too late. I cannot go back and help him now because he’s gone. I can only share my

tragedy with you and hope you pay attention and recognize the warning signs of someone thinking about killing themselves so you do not have to live with the question, “Could I have saved him?”

Suicide is a concern for us especially when we’re deployed. In 2008, 38 Airmen committed suicide as well as 140 Soldiers. Callers to the Veterans Affairs Suicide Prevention hotline in 2008 included 780 who identified themselves as active-duty troops.

If we lose even one person to suicide, it’s too many. We can prevent suicide, we have the knowhow.

My own experience coupled with these numbers tells me to watch for the warning signs.

Maybe if I paid more attention to Will he would still be here today and I would be telling you how I saved him. I made a mistake and a man lost his life.

Suicides can be prevented. Watch for the warning signs, and maybe you can save someone’s life.



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JPAC teams up with MAKRI in Korea search

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Joint POW/MIA Accounting
Command

HICKAM AIR FORCE
BASE — The Korean War is
still not over for many
Korean veterans and their
families.

The Republic of Korea
Ministry of National
Defense Agency for Killed
in Action Recovery &
Identification (MAKRI),
which is headquartered in
Seoul, South Korea, works
tirelessly to find, identify
and return Korean military
servicemembers missing in
action from the Korean War.

“There are 130,000
Korean MIAs [from the
Korean War],” according to
MAKRI Commander and
Republic of Korea Army
Col. Shin Han Park. “Some
Korean Soldiers were also
lost in North Korea.”

MAKRI

The ROK Army conduct-
ed Korean MIA recoveries
from 2000-2006. In 2005 the
ROK Army’s MIA recovery
unit started working with the
U.S. military’s Joint
POW/MIA Accounting
Command exchanging ideas.

On Jan. 10, 2007 the
Korean Minister of National
Defense set up MAKRI offi-
cially. Two years later,
MAKRI opened their new
headquarters and central
identification laboratory
within the Seoul National
Cemetery.

Inside the facility,
MAKRI works to unravel
55-year-old mysteries and
reunite families and loved
ones of those Korean MIAs
still missing after all these
years.

Park is an infantry officer
in the ROK Army. He was
assigned to Special Forces
before becoming involved in
the ROK recovery mission.
He was a regimental com-
mander in 2004 before he
came to MAKRI.

Park is the first and only
commander of MAKRI.
“Been here four years,” Park
said.

“JPAC and MAKRI are
like brothers,” Park said,
“Mr. Webb [Johnie Webb,
deputy to the commander for
external relations, JPAC]
helped a lot for MAKRI to
be stood up.”

According to Park, there
are a total of 179 people
working at MAKRI, a mix-
ture of military and civilians.

MAKRI has seven full
time civilian anthropologists,
three physical anthropolo-
gists, one forensic scientist
and two archaeologists.

“We’ve recovered 800
[MIAs] in 2008. This year
we’re going to recover
1,000,” Park said.

According to Park,
MAKRI has seven Joint
Field Activities (JFA) per
month, with 200 recovery
personnel working at one
time, within each JFA they
are working on several sites.

“[We] have eight recovery
teams with eight people on
each team,” Park said.

“Sometimes [we also]
help excavate Korea recov-



Eun Jin Woo,33, physical anthropologist, Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defense Agency for KIA Recovery & Identification conducts analysis of possible Korean War remains on May 17 in the MND Agency for Killed in Action Recovery and Identification (MAKRI) central identification laboratory.

ery sites,” Yuryang Jang, 40,
identification team
researcher, MAKRI, said.

MAKRI recovery teams
have an anthropologist and a
specialist in forensic medi-
cine.

“[MAKRI’s laboratory is]
a very nice facility,” Dr.

John Byrd, deputy director,
central identification labora-
tory, JPAC, said. “In some
ways it has more up to date
functions [than JPAC]. Ours
is larger and has some addi-
tional functional capabilities.

“They came in and stud-
ied our laboratory from top
to bottom and they used our
standard operating
procedures,” Byrd
said. “We even pro-
vided vendor infor-
mation for equip-
ment they purchased.

“We saw some
aspects of their facil-
ities that gave us
some good ideas for
our new facilities [which are
planned to open by 2013],”
Byrd said.

MAKRI is a Joint Unit-
Army, Navy, Air Force,
Marines, and civilians, Park
said.

“It is better bringing dif-
ferent experiences,” Park
said. “Since we are bench-
marking JPAC, we copied
the [joint] part of JPAC.

Ninety nine percent of the
warriors who died in
[Korean] War are Army. So,
they are doing the most.”

“I conduct analysis of
skeletal remains,” Eun Jin
Woo, 33, physical anthropol-
ogist, MAKRI, said. “After
excavating, the remains are
taken to the pretreatment
room. They’re cleaned, dried
and put in the computer file
system, [to be] processed by

MAKRI.”

“Every year, JPAC team
members come here — to do
professional development,”
Jang added.

“Since they [MAKRI]
came to new facility there is
a lot of new instruments,
allows them to make IDs
faster, more efficient.”

There are approximately
1,000 sets of ROK MIA
remains in the MAKRI CIL.

In building their new
facility, MAKRI incorporat-
ed ideas from the Korean
staff.

“We can dig our own
country, is the only thing we
do better,” Park

said. “Right now,
JPAC is better at
everything else.”

Since MAKRI
stood up public
support for Korean
MIAs has
increased, Park
said.

“The difference between
JPAC and MAKRI is that we
don’t have time [on our
side],” Park said. Because
the warriors, witnesses are
getting old and don’t
remember, Park explained
that the ROK made a law
that if Korean civilians find
remains while digging they
are required to call MAKRI.

Park noted one advantage
for his unit, “MAKRI is only
in our country while JPAC
goes all over the world.”

MAKRI advertises
around South Korea to solic-
it family reference samples
and mostly take blood for
DNA. Saliva swabs are used
by JPAC.

“[MAKRI] it’s for the
country, the people who
gave their life for the coun-
try,” Park said. “The respon-



Material evidence possibly from Korean military members that was found at excavation sites awaits analysis in the Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defense Agency for KIA Recovery & Identification's Central Identification Laboratory on May 17.

sibility is for the government
to return them, because they
gave their life for the coun-
try, for you to exist.”

JPAC

For U.S. accounting there
is JPAC. The unit’s mission
is to achieve the fullest pos-
sible accounting of all
Americans missing as a
result of the nation’s past
conflicts. JPAC’s motto is,
“Until they’re home.”

As of June 10, there were
8,044 missing and unac-
counted for personnel from
the Korean War, JPAC has
identified a total of 96 since
2003.

Since 2005 JPAC and
MAKRI have worked
together in a scientific
exchange, with some of their
scientists visiting JPAC for
training and mentoring and
vice versa.

“We’ve provided training
for MAKRI personnel in
South Korea and at our
headquarters in Hawaii,”
Byrd said. “We invited them
to participate in 2005 to do a
scientific exchange.”

According to Byrd, JPAC
has trained five civilians and
two MAKRI officers since
2007.

“They went through a
course of learning on how to
operate an identification lab-
oratory,” Byrd said.

“It went very well. They
were able to learn basic
skills in forensic odontology,
forensic anthropology, DNA
sampling and laboratory
management.

Jang trained at JPAC for
seven weeks from December
2008–February 2009.

“[I] trained in the process,
work of identification, exca-
vation and the processing,”
Jang said.

As part of the training a
JPAC anthropologist took
him to practice recovery site
in Hawaii and he learned
how to develop a biological
profile.

“Studied identification,
developed seal processing,
chain of custody, compared
animal and human bones,”
Jang said, “developed flow
of records, all steps from
recovery to identification.”

Woo was in Hawaii for
JPAC training for 2 months
from January – February
2008.

“JPAC had lots of scien-
tific stuff,” Woo said, “lots
of material evidence was
very impressive to me. [I

learned] techniques on
skeletal remains, learned
how to develop biological
profile [i.e. sex, age and]
learned how to use electron-
ic microscope. I learned how
to do histological analysis
and operate the machine that
differentiates the species,
[to] tell if bone is animal or
human through extreme
microscopic resolution.”

“We are benchmarking
your [JPAC] system,” Woo
said.

“Very good experience
training with JPAC, good
time and good opportunity,”
Jang said.

Joint Forensic Reviews

Joint Forensic Reviews
are conducted at MAKRI’s
CIL an average of three
times a year by JPAC and
MAKRI anthropologists.
They are done after every
JFA when JPAC finds possi-
ble osseous remains. They
are completed before the
JPAC recovery teams leave
the ROK. If the remains are
identified as possible
American they are repatriat-
ed with the team for further
analysis at JPAC’s CIL.

“It [the new MAKRI
facility] makes a huge differ-
ence and an enormous
improvement [during the
joint forensic review
process],” Byrd said. “We’re
very pleased with how the
first JFR in the new facility
has gone.”

MAKRI is also the identi-
fier for the remains of the
Korean Army, United
Nations, plus 16 other
nations’ remains, according
to Woo.

“MAKRI’s assistance is
important for several rea-
sons,” Dr. Jay Silverstein,
anthropologist, JPAC, said.
“In the past, U.S. and ROK
activities have not been

coordinated resulting in
[redundancy] and work that
did not have a consistent
standard of quality. In the
past, there has often been
confused communication
and interpretation of remains
leading to the situations of
confusion on how to deal
with remains that are deter-
mined to belong to the other
country or with inconclusive
analysis.”

“We work together
because we fought together,”
Park said. “If JPAC didn’t
support us, MAKRI couldn’t
[have] become as big as it is
now. JPAC had a lot of
experiences in development.
Because of JPAC’s experi-
ence, MAKRI was able to
avoid mistakes as [we] stood
up.”

“Because the ROK repre-
sents a developed nation
with a mature academe of its
own, it offers the chance for
intellectual exchange, stan-
dardization of methods, and
cooperative efforts in finding
witnesses and investigating
sites,” Silverstein said.

“Because ROK is the host
nation, they have access to
resources, particularly labor
and their new facility that, in
spite of the USFK [United
States Forces Korea]
resources, we do not have.”

MAKRI and JPAC meet
at least twice a year for
bilateral discussions, one
held in South Korea and one
in Hawaii.

They discuss past, present
and future operations includ-
ing coordination and cooper-
ation to support investiga-
tion, recovery and identifica-
tion processes.

“The concept is working
together between U.S. and
Korea,” Park said. “In the
Korean War, Koreans and
Americans fought together,
JPAC and MAKRI now
work together to recover the
remains of the fallen, the
only two countries in the
world that do this.”

South Korea is the only
country where JPAC search-
es where U.S. forces also
fought alongside, Park said.

Recent recovery in South Korea

“We have a close working
relationship with MAKRI,”
Byrd said. “It’s important
because we provide support
to one another and it [the
recovery and identification

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Hawaii reservists mobilize

Tech. Sgt. Leonard Samson, 624th Civil Engineer Squadron, receives one last hug from his son prior to leaving for his deployment at Honolulu International Airport Friday July 31. Sergeant Samson is one of 54 members of the 624th CES, which falls under the 624th Regional Support Group, who are being mobilized to deploy to Afghanistan for 6 months. This is a “partial” mobilization, meaning half the squadron is being mobilized only. Once in the AOR, the CE team will be supporting the Army at Bagram.

The 624th Regional Support Group headquartered at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, is the largest Air Force Reserve presence in the Pacific and reports directly to 4th Air Force at March Air Reserve Base, Calif. The group provides the combatant commander more than 650 combat-ready Airmen who specialize in aerial port, aeromedical staging and civil engineering operations for worldwide employment. The group has units at Hickam and Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The Hickam units include the 624th Civil Engineer Squadron, 624th Aeromedical Staging Squadron and 48th Aerial Port Squadron. The Guam units include the 44th Aerial Port Squadron and 724th Aeromedical Staging Flight.

Crime Scene

Burglary reported

An Active Duty E-7 reported a burglary on Fox Boulevard. This case is currently under investigation.

Theft of unsecured personal property reported

An Active Duty E-6 assigned to 17 OWS reported a theft of personal property on Tinker Avenue. This case is currently under investigation.

Theft of unsecured personal property reported

A military family member of an Active Duty E-7 assigned to USA reported a

theft of personal property on Gemini Avenue. This case is currently under investigation.

Theft of unsecured personal property reported

An Active Duty WO-1 assigned to USA reported a theft of personal property from Bldg. 1120/Fitness Center. This case is currently under investigation.

Active duty detained for shoplifting at Shoppette

An Army Air Force Exchange Service employee had reportedly observed an Active Duty Soldier removing merchandise totaling \$10 without rendering payment.

Citation totals for July 24 –30

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- 12 civilian traffic citations
- 38 moving traffic citations
- 18 non-moving traffic citations

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MAKRI , From A4—

process] can work more efficiently if we work together. JPAC and MAKRI are searching for thousands of missing personnel.”

“MAKRI participated and assisted since 2006 on JPAC recovery teams’ site excavations, Byrd said.

JPAC conducts excavations annually in South Korea. This year, they have conducted four JFAs with a fifth ongoing. JPAC’s Korea JFA from May-June was a great example of how the two units and countries work together to find answers for the loved ones of the missing.

During the most recent JPAC recovery in Hwacheon Province from May through June, there were 5-6 MAKRI personnel and 14-20 ROK Soldiers working on the site.

“MAKRI and local Republic of Korea Army support has been very good, couldn’t ask for a more pleasant people to work



Yuryang Jang, 40, identification team researcher, the Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defense Agency for KIA Recovery & Identification examines possible Korean War remains on May 17 in the MAKRI central identification laboratory.

with,” Silverstein said on May 18 at the current recovery site in the South Korean Province of Kangwon. They’re excellent,

smart, diligent, very attentive and disciplined. You really couldn’t ask for a better workforce than that. For me [the most rewarding experience] is working with MAKRI. It’s something we’ve been talking about since 2004. First time I’ve worked with MAKRI on a Korea mission.

Silverstein had some questions answered during the ongoing mission in Korea. “I never knew if MAKRI had been out at a site before — what are the processes that need to be worked out? Now there are MOUs [memorandums of understanding] in place, professional development.

As it builds momentum it will enhance both missions, it will help with shared intelligence, consistent standards.”

“Korean government, Korean citizens are not going to forget the help of the American Soldiers during the war,” Park said. “We fight together; we find together, we go together.”

ROKAF, From A1—

sions than any other main operating base, on average.

The more allied nations know about what we can do, the better it is for them and us because they know they can reach out to us and we can help, Major Buckley said. This leads to clear cooperation and understanding.

“It was very important for us to discourse about operations

within the wing,” Colonel Park said. “It’s also a good opportunity to expand our friendship with the U.S. Air Force.”

“This visit is right in line with PACAF and PACOM theater security cooperation goals in terms of like-minded Airmen from different cultures engaging each other,” said Lt. Col. Fred Taylor, Pacific Air Forces inter-

national affairs Korea country director here.

After their crew was able to rest and recover and depart to Korea, Major Buckley said it was particularly good because they got to recognize not only that there is an AMC wing in the Pacific theater but also how expansive and far situated it is in terms of locations, detachments,

and groups.

“They got a better understanding of mobility operations in terms of both command and control and aerial port,” he said. “After their great success at the Rodeo, we wanted to greet them like rock stars and let them know, ‘If you have needs, we will try to help you, and we can teach you at the same time.’”

NEWS NOTES, From A1

week of Sept. 8 with games Oct. 3 through Nov. 21/ If interested, contact Youth Sports at 448-4492.

Pool closed — Pool 1 will be closed for renovations until Oct. 3 Lap Swim will be available at Pool 2 Mon-Fri 6-9 a.m. Please contact Pool 2 for more information at 448-2223.

Hickam Hurricanes Swim Team head coach vacancy — Paid position, work schedule 3:30-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, one to two weekends a month for swim meets. Requirements are: the ability to coach youths ages 5-18; a full knowledge of competitive swimming strokes and techniques; and Lifeguard, CPR and First Aid Certifications. Send resume to Julie Fager at fagerfam@hotmail.com. See our website at www.hickamhurricanes.com

4th Annual Hickam Half Marathon — On Aug. 15, runners and walkers can participate in a half marathon to remember and symbolically “finish the race” for Lt. Roslyn Schulte. Lt. Schulte, was a talented AF academy graduate of the class of 2006 and died in Afghanistan in May 2009. She was working for the Combined Security Transition Command in Kabul. Lt. Schulte was one of the lead volunteers last year for this event. The marathon starts at 6 a.m. at the base track. Sign up at the Fitness Center or go on line to the Web site at www.hickamservices.com.



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